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exhibition, and also gave a series of notable lecture-promenades in the Art Gallery. These lecture promenades, or "Walk Talks" as they are properly called, not only held the interest of visitors after they reached the exhibition, but vastly increased the attendance. It is of imperative importance to have the crowds properly instructed when they reach an exhibition, so that they may go away with the feeling of inspiration that comes from having heard works of art discussed and illustrated by a master. Mr. Hunter's talks were a vital part of the entertainment, and helped to make the exhibition appreciated by visitors of all ages and all classes from school children of ten to carpenters and builders of seventy, and from women of fashion and men of leisure to milliners, dressmakers and decorative salesmen.

Given an opportunity to study tapestries with the help of a little instruction from a master, they are easy to understand, and win their way quickly into the sympathies and sensibilities even of those whose general art education has been neglected. Their story-interest appeals instantly to children. Bible incidents become a thousand times more real too, when pictured life-size on a huge tapestry.

Practically all the world's great tapestries were woven between 1300 and 1800 A. D., but the art of picture weaving reached its highest point in Gothic and Renaissance Tapestries, of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. "Andromache's Lament," one of the most notable pieces shown in this exhibition, dated from the first half of the fifteenth century, and was wonderfully well preserved, with colors still rich and strong. It is one of the Trojan War series, and three other famous pieces from the same series are in the South Kensington Museum, in London. Another important exhibit was the "Hainauer Crucifixion," one of the most remarkable tapestries in the world. From the weave and texture, as well as from the picture point of view, this tapestry is a master-piece. "Bathsheba at the Bath" and the "Prophecy of Nathan," which belong to the wonderful series of the "Story of David" tapestries woven at Brussels, were also among the interesting specimens shown.

This tapestry exhibition was a very great success, and in every way a real help to the Albright Art Gallery, and to the citizens of Buffalo.—C. B. S.

PENNSYLVANIA
ACADEMY OF
THE FINE
ARTS

The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts issued in January an account of its stewardship for the past year which in many ways has been pre-eminently successful. The 110th Annual Exhibition of oil paintings and sculpture opened on February 7th, and will continue until March 28th. An Artists' Evening is a special feature of this exhibition intended to bring the artists in contact with the students of the school and the public to their mutual advantage. According to the plans this was held on February 13th.

In the report an account is given of the medals and honors regularly awarded, of the purchases made during the past year which are quite numerous, of the upbuilding of the print collection, and of the successful conduct of the Academy's Schools. Finally in very brief space the Academy's needs are set forth, chief among which is larger endowment for the acquisition of exhibits, the increasing of prizes, and the establishment of Scholarships in perpetuity. This, the oldest art organization of its kind in America, has much in its history of which to be proud, and should certainly not fail of support in its large and beneficent work for the future.

THE CHICAGO
SOCIETY OF
ETCHERS

International in its scope, the name, "The Chicago Society of Etchers," merely indicates its origin and the location of its headquarters. The purpose of the Society is to promote interest in the art of etching with special regard to the work of its members. This is done chiefly through exhibitions in Museums and through traveling exhibitions; through talks, and the practical demonstration of the process of etching and printing; also through the dissemination of literature and the education of the reading public by articles in newspapers and magazines. The Chicago Society of Etchers issues yearly a *de luxe* volume treating of some